



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Cor 9-10)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2018

Eucharist

Main Church

Saturday: 12:05 pm, 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday Masses: 9:00 am (Family Mass), 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

Weekday Masses: 7:45 am (Communion Service), 12:05 pm
(All Masses are Wheelchair Accessible)

Sacraments

Please call the office for information about
Baptism, Marriages & other needs.

Sick or Hospitalized

Please notify the office of parishioners who are
ill or in the hospital so that they can be included
in our prayers or be visited.

New Parishioners

Welcome! To register, please stop by the office
and fill out a registration form or register online at
www.sfxavier.org

Staff

Rev. Robert VerEecke, S.J. (Pastor) — 204

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Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208

Rev. Daniel Corrou, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 206

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Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

James Martinez (Dir. of Stewardship)

Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201

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Receptionist — 201

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Jack Schmitt (Chair);

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Mission Statement

The Church of St. Francis Xavier, a Roman Catholic parish in the Jesuit tradition, strives to be a prophetic, welcoming community, and an inclusive witness to the presence of Christ Jesus in our midst. Mindful of our utter reliance on God, and need for God's grace, we rejoice together in our celebration of the sacraments and proclamation of the Gospel.

As a people of hope, we commit ourselves through prayerful and creative discernment to respond to God in our time by: Being a respectful community Where seekers and their questions are welcomed, Where injustice is challenged, Where the poor, the alienated and the marginalized find a home, And where people are refreshed, reconciled and renewed.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday: 11:30 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am to 6:00 pm

NOTE: for Bulletin Notices and Space Requests send e-mails to sfuentes@sfxavier.org

Deadline for bulletin copy—all copy should be in the office by 4:00 pm on Monday afternoon.

**Confessions are offered
Saturdays from 1:00pm-2:00pm**

**To make an appointment for
confession please call Parish Office.**

Note: You must be a registered parishioner for a minimum of six months before qualifying for a sponsor letter to be verified as a parishioner.

Next Weekend Presider Schedule

Saturday, July 14th

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Ron Amiot, SJ*

Sunday, July 15th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us especially, remember those
who have asked for our prayers

Jesus Andaluz, Bridget Blain, Joseph Cali, Vivian Catenaccio, John Kevin Cloonan, Patricia Cunningham, Amor Domingo, Isaac Falci, Sherri Fallon, Mickey Flood, Maria Formoso, Juan Garcia, Mary Hannan,, Yvette Hogu, Frances Ann Lisi, Robyn Luisi, Keith Martin, Mark Martinez, John McLoughlin, Adrienne Montgomery, Amelia Mullings, Kathy Mulvaney, Joan O'Brien, Eileen O'Keefe, Mary Ann Rose, Leonarda Zafra Santos, Anthony Sellitti, Toni Spinelli, Jeff Stevenson, Michael Termini, Dr. Daniel Tynan, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers, David Woolwine

Pray for the peaceful rest of all our beloved departed parishioners and friends, especially:

Barbara Bisch, Charles Bischoff, Oddie De Blois, Kate Galeone, Lee Giambruno, Camille Jerome, Elaine Jerome, Logan Mannigan, David Roben, Rocco Scura, Gale Wilkerson

We also remember all those who have been killed or wounded through the violence of war. May all those who have gone before us share the joys of eternal life.

All prayer requests are listed for at least three consecutive weeks. Please contact the parish office for an extension.

Xavier Staff Reflections

Let's ask some questions: Which of our rituals draws us most closely into community? Liturgy? Welcome Table? The Mets? A Broadway Show? What does it say about our culture when many go to the theater or a sports game to be inspired, but go to church to be entertained? Forgive my facetiousness, but it is a funny, provocative question. To be more specific: Do you kneel or do you stand during the Eucharistic Prayer? Do you sing, or do you enter into quiet time with Jesus during the communion rite? Do you listen to the priest, or do you read the bulletin during the homily? Do you take the bread and the wine, or only the bread? Regardless of how you answer these questions, your presence at liturgy is the essence of The Body of Christ, or in another manifestation – The Mystical Body of Christ, and in this essence, we feel and find community.

In three weeks, we will leave cycle B which is the Gospel of Mark, and we will experience the Gospel of John and the stories it tells regarding the Communion Rite. For four weeks, our first readings from the old testament will tell stories similar to the Gospel of John. Proclaimed will be The Word of God in its foundation of Eucharist, the ritual which draws us most closely into community. The scripture, the prayers, the hymns, and the homilies will present exegesis or explanation of these stories in a singular and focused way at this point in our three year liturgical calendar.

We will hear about Elisha's twenty barley loaves which feed 100 with leftovers. In the New Testament this story becomes Jesus' story of the 5 loaves and 2 fishes which feeds thousands. In our church today, Communion, the table of plenty for all who are hungry and thirsty for the love of Christ, feeds the world. We will hear about Moses and how God provided manna for the starving Israelites in the desert. And Jesus will say: "I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." And later Jesus says: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them..." We have so much to be grateful for.

During these weeks we will be singing for the most part Eucharistic hymns and amongst them, some of our favorites: Bread for the World, The Supper of the Lord, All You Who are Thirsty, May We Be One, The Living Bread of God, Pan de Vida, Taste and See, All Who Hunger Gather Gladly, We Are Not Alone, and I Am the Bread of Life. I know that many of you will enjoy singing these hymns.

I'd like to return to one of my opening questions: Do you sing or do you enter into quiet time with Jesus during the Communion Rite. Fortunately, St. Francis Xavier welcomes the many and varied forms of worship that our members feel drawn to. But I'd like to suggest, based on the teachings of the Church, that the answer to this question can be a BOTH/AND answer, not one or the other. Singing during Communion is a viable sign of unity which of course is what Communion/Community is all about. The power of music is palpable, as we all know when the entire church is chanting the "Our Father." And the eating of the Body and Blood of Christ is drawn into Communion with the Mystical Body of Christ when we sing together. It is an important part of the "communal" rite. But the desire and need for the quiet reflection for many of us cannot be denied. That is why when Communion hymns are chosen, they most often rely on a simple easily remembered refrain or antiphon which does not require looking at the printed music. And while the cantor or choir sings the verses in the background, you find reflective time. For those of you who do not sing at all during communion, I would suggest that singing the refrain once or twice will draw you more fully into the Communion with the Mystical Body of Christ, while at the same time leaving room for quiet reflection while the cantor or choir is singing. As St. Augustine said: "Those who sing pray twice over." And the Communion creates community. Let's use these four weeks of Eucharistic hoop-la to try what it's like when we all join together in song at The Communion Rite, while still leaving breathing space for our quiet devotion.

John Uehlein

THE SFX ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY
is pleased to present the first in our Summer Film Series:

BEFORE THE FLOOD

*Featuring Leonardo DiCaprio,
Environmentalist and UN Messenger of Peace*

Tuesday, July 10th @ 7 PM
Keenan Commons

Entrance to right of 35 W 15th - Fernandez Hall
www.beforetheflood.com

Free admission. Discussion to follow. Light refreshments. Wheelchair accessible.

SAVE THE DATES:
next film screenings: July 24 and Aug. 7

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC) **EXPERIENCE MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Join IVC and become a contemplative in action in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits!

IVC volunteers are adults over 50 years of age who offer their life skills and experience one to two days a week to directly serve those in need. Volunteers gather monthly to prayerfully reflect on their service and to deepen their spirituality in the Ignatian tradition. There is also the opportunity for spiritual guidance.

Interested? Contact Maureen Fullam, Regional Director at 917-859-0928 or email mfullam@ivcusa.org and visit our website: www.ivcusa.org

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, July 13th
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Washington Square Park

Summertime in the city means a picnic in the park! Please bring a blanket and a story about where you are with God these days. We'll break bread together in the lawn on the west side of the arch and speak our heartfelt truths. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com.

THE GAY CATHOLICS MINISTRY WILL NOT MEET DURING JULY AND AUGUST.

**WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER.
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER.**

Special Showing of the movie

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Learn about his life and his intimate and profound friendship with the Lord!

AUGUST 1ST 6:00 PM
Wallace Hall, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola
980 Park Avenue (and E 84th St.)

Advance ticket: \$25 • At the door \$30
Seniors / Students: \$10

A light supper before the movie, and a talk back with Fr. George Drance, S.J., afterwards.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

For more info and to reserve tickets, call: 212-756-8958

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT THE COUGHLIN MEN'S SHELTER?

AN ORIENTATION WILL BE HELD ON
JULY 11, 2018 AT 6:30PM. PLEASE RSVP
TO **CHRISTINA** AT
CBOWMAN@XAVIERMISSION.ORG

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you be interested in serving as a Eucharistic minister to the homebound?

Training provided volunteers make their own schedule.

Contact: **Jim Fox**
Email: sumiko120@nyc.rr.com

Stewardship News

Thank you to all who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support Xavier throughout the year. It is only through your gifts that we can make a difference in the lives of those we serve. There are many ways to support and participate in our many ministries. Our Bulletin and Welcome Brochure on the parish website contain information on these ministries. Perhaps you might consider sharing your unique skills and talents so that your special strengths will make a difference in this world.

Approval of Lease Extension

With the assistance of the Real Estate Department of the Archdiocese of New York we successfully negotiated a 20-year extension on the current 15-year lease of our former elementary school on 17th Street with Winston Preparatory School. The rental income generated from the start of the lease in 2004 through 2009 was used to fund \$2.9 million of the \$11.3 million cost to renovate the church in 2009/10. Since 2010 the majority of the rental income has been dedicated to the monthly payments on the \$6 million renovation loan with the remainder used to fund ongoing parish operations. An immediate benefit of the extension was the receipt of a one-time rent payment of \$858,515 offset by brokers fees paid of \$681,738, which is reflected in our operating results discussed below. Our rental property continues to be a vital asset to the financial health of the parish. Next fiscal year's rental income of \$937,000 is the largest source of income in the budget, which represents 41% of the total income.

3rd Quarter Financial Results

We're pleased to report that we are currently operating at a \$294,354 surplus compared to a budgeted deficit of \$16,881 for the first nine months of this fiscal year ending May 31, 2018. The favorable results are due primarily to the one-time effect of the lease extension of \$177,000 together with donations & bequests exceeding our budget by \$114,000. We also had increased Sunday Collections offset by a reduction in wedding income. Please note that without the donations and bequests and one-time impact of the lease extension our surplus would be only \$3,000.

First Nine Months Revenues and Expenses Ending May 31, 2018			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Support	2,679,285	1,677,403	1,001,882
Expenses	2,384,931	1,694,284	690,647
Net Support Over (Under) Expenses	294,354	(16,881)	

Donate Now Using Faith Direct

Our *Faith Direct* e-giving option provides a convenient, no cost and secure way to support the parish via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card. You can support Xavier even if you are absent from Mass on vacation or for other reasons. It also helps us bring consistency to our cash flow and reduces the time it takes our staff to count and report cash. Did you know it takes four people up to four hours each week to count and process the Sunday collection and another person up to four hours to record the donations in the collection system? You can enroll online by clicking the [Donate Now](#) button on the upper-right hand corner of our parish homepage, scanning the QR code below or mailing in an enrollment form available in the back of the church or from the parish office. In the last 12 months 75 families have enrolled in *Faith Direct* to make their Sunday offertory. Please consider joining the 403 families who use *Faith Direct* to support Xavier.





The Coalition of Immokalee Workers is returning to NYC and calling for a mobilization on Thursday, July 19th in response to Wendy's recent decision to bring tomato purchases back to the U.S. (thanks in no small part to the tremendous pressure the boycott has applied on their shameful shift to Mexico).

Citing sustainability benefits, at their shareholder meeting on June 5th Wendy's announced that they will source exclusively from greenhouses operating mostly here and in Canada by the end of the year. Though halting purchases from one of the worst, most abusive produce industries represents a step in the right direction and a partial victory for the CIW, Wendy's decision to continue evading the Fair Food Program and instead rely on discredited, for-profit auditing firms to monitor conditions in greenhouses is unacceptable.

We'll be demonstrating at Wendy's Nelson Peltz's offices and marching on July 19th because neither farmworkers nor consumers are fooled by Wendy's feeble, greenwashed half-measures, and we cannot settle for anything less than the worker-designed Fair Food Program and its verifiable guarantees of fundamental human rights.

#BoycottWendys March to Demand Real Human Rights for Farmworkers!

THURSDAY, JULY 19TH AT 5PM
TRIAN PARTNERS
(280 PARK AVE, NEAR E 49TH ST.)

Additionally, CIW representatives will be at Xavier on Sunday July 15th in the Mary Chapel following the 11:30 AM Mass to bring us up-to-date on their progress since their visit last Spring. Please join us on Sunday July 15th and at the demonstration on July 19th. Peace!



THE IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE WANTS YOU TO KNOW THESE FACTS ABOUT FAMILY SEPARATION

1. Many of the families affected by the crisis are fleeing gang threats and domestic violence situations in Central America. They are coming to the border seeking asylum, a legal process the United States has offered since the end of World War II. The horrors of the Holocaust led the U.S. leaders of the 1950s to recognize the pivotal role the country could play in saving countless lives.
2. The family separation crisis is a result of the federal government's 'zero tolerance' policy. This policy instructed immigration officials to criminally prosecute anyone crossing the border between ports of entry into the United States, including those who came seeking asylum.
3. In order to criminally prosecute parents, they had to be separated from their children. The federal government was aware of this consequence when it put this policy in place.
4. While the executive order states families will be reunified, it did not provide instructions on how the Department of Homeland Security should go about doing so. Some policies have been released since, but they are not comprehensive. This has slowed down the process and made it difficult to verify whether reunifications have actually occurred.
5. The executive order substitutes family detention for family separation. It instructs immigration officials to hold the entire family in detention centers together. The federal government is now asking that the current court-mandated 20-day limit for detaining children be removed so that parents and children can be held indefinitely while their case is processed, a procedure which can take several years.
6. While family separation began in April 2018, the tactic is in line with this administration's steady withdrawal of support for other types of humanitarian protection backed by the Catholic Church, such as Temporary Protected Status and programs for the Dreamers, such as DACA.

Adapted from: cliniclegal.org. Updated June 26, 2018. Read more at: <https://cliniclegal.org/resources/10-things-know-about-family-separation>

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Ezek 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6.

MONDAY~ FEAST OF STS. LEO MANGIN & MARY ZHU WU: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Matt 9:18-26.

12:05PM REMEDIOS MENDOZA (L)

FOURTEENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Matt 9:32-38.

12:05PM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. BENEDICT:

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matt 10:1-7.

12:05PM ARTURO ESPINAN (D)

FOURTEENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Matt 10:7-15.

12:05PM AL FLORENTINO (D)

FOURTEENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Hos 14:2-10; Matt 10:16-23.

12:05PM JOHN MARSHALL (D))

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. KATERI

TEKAKWITHA: Isa 6:1-8; Matt 10:24-33.

12:05PM GREGORY LUGLIANI (D)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13.

YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.

Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets 2nd Friday of each month, 6 p.m., West Room, SFXWomen@aol.com.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

Contact Katherine Cleary, krcoff5th@netzero.com

FAMILY FAITH: Catechetical ministry for parents/guardians and children pre-K through 12th grade. Meets Sundays 10:00am, Mary Chapel. Contact Luz, LMDiaz@sfxavier.org

GAY CATHOLICS: Men meet in a caring and affirming environment on the first and third Fridays, 7pm Mary Chapel. Contact sfxgcgroup@gmail.com

INTERFAITH COMMITTEE: works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact Jose Ramon, joseramonperezlopez@gmail.com

LITURGICAL COMMITTEES:

See website or Contact Luz, LMDiaz@sfxavier.org

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: To become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact James Fox, sumiko120@nyc.rr.com, (212) 427-5070

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE:

Examines root causes of injustice and works towards a more just and sustainable world. Contact Tracey Tynan at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Rose Alloca, allocarose@gmail.com or Marie Bannister, mariebannister1@gmail.com.

THE WOMEN WHO STAYED: nurtures, empowers, calls forth and celebrates the emotional, intellectual and spiritual growth of women and men at SFX. For more information: TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com

XAVIER ADULT GROUP: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com

THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE: Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact sanxnyc@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Spiritual, Service, and Social Activities for Xavier's 20's-30's. Meets every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 5pm Young Adult's Mass, in the West Room. Contact sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul schubertnyc@gmail.com

XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CLOTHING ROOM: 2nd & 4th Sundays, contact Ann Mary: xmClothingRoom@gmail.com

FOOD PROGRAMS: Every Sunday soup kitchen and 2nd Saturday food pantry, contact Christine: xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com

L-STEP: Spring and Fall semesters, contact J: xmLSTEP@gmail.com

SHELTER: Every night, contact Jim: xmShelter@gmail.com